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### Summary:

Main entry: Alfred Carl Hart Collection, (dates)

Date span: 1941-2001

Abstract: Collection of material related to the work and ministry of Alfred Carl Hart. The collection includes information on the Chaplaincy program of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and various other chaplaincy ministries. In particular, the collection includes material on industrial and work related chaplaincy and prison chaplain ministry. Information on history of chaplaincy in Southern Baptist life makes up a significant part of the collection.

Size: 1.25 linear feet (3 document boxes)

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**Biographical sketch:** Alfred Carl Hart was born on August 31, 1928 in a farm house near Collierville, Tennessee. He was one of five children born to Elton Cecil and Jewel Hill Hart. Carl graduated from Collierville High School and served in the U.S. Navy. After his honorable discharge, he worked as a bookkeeper at the Chevrolet Dealership in his hometown before answering the call to the ministry on June 14, 1950. Carl attended Union University and Bethel College and received his Master of Divinity Degree from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He subsequently received two honorary doctorate degrees from Union University and Emanuel Bible College. Carl served churches during his college days and in 1962 was appointed the first staff chaplain at the Shelby County Penal Farm in Memphis, Tennessee. Three years later he went to Brushy Mountain State Prison to serve as its first staff chaplain. Three years later he was appointed by the Governor of Tennessee to serve as the first Director of Chaplaincy for the Tennessee Department of Corrections. In February 1970, he was appointed Associate Director of Correctional/Institutional Chaplaincy for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1977 he was named Director of the Division of Chaplaincy which included all Chaplaincy Ministries at home and abroad. After retiring in December of 1985, he was endorsed to serve as Director of Chaplaincy for Allied Systems, Inc. After serving ten years he retired again and served three years as Interim Director of Chaplaincy Ministries for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He served as interim pastor for forty-two churches in Georgia and Tennessee. Carl was a past president of the American Corrections Chaplains Association, the American Protestant Correctional Association, and the Institute of National Business and Industrial Chaplain Association. Carl received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces and another from the Veterans Administration Chaplaincy. He authored five books/booklets related to chaplaincy. He died September 23, 2018. Carl was a member of Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia at the time of his death.

### Scope and content note:

The collection includes material related to the chaplaincy program of the Home Mission Board and chaplaincy by other religious organizations. Included in the material is information on chaplain programs for the military, business and industry, fire departments, prisons, police units, race track ministries, and

truck stops. One file of photographs is a part of the material. Of special note are historical publications and writings on chaplaincy in Southern Baptist life. Notes of Hart's talks and addresses are contained within the papers. The collection has limited correspondence of Hart. The collection spans the years 1941-2001, but the majority of the material covers the years from 1969-1998.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

**Provenance:** Donated by Carl Hart, Stone Mountain, Georgia in 2012.

**Preferred citation:** Alfred Carl Hart Collection

**Access restrictions:** None

**Subject terms:**

Hart, Alfred Carl, 1928-2018

Chaplains - Baptists

Chaplains, Industrial

Chaplains, Military - Baptists

Chaplains, Police

Prison chaplains

Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board. Chaplaincy Division.

**Container list:**

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- 1.1 ACPE News, October 1985
- 1.2 Allied Systems – Chaplaincy program, 1993
- 1.3 American Association of pastoral counselors, 1992
- 1.4 Baptist Program – Chaplaincy issues, 1969, 1971
- 1.5 Bibles – Alfred Carpenter
- 1.6 Biographical – Carl Hart
- 1.7 Brochures – Chaplaincy, 1972-1990
- 1.8 Business and Industrial Chaplaincy, 1982-1993
- 1.9 Chaplain and the counseling role
- 1.10 Chaplaincy program helps
- 1.11 Chaplain's orientation, 1991
- 1.12 Chaplains Associates, Inc., 1992-1996
- 1.13 Chaplains Special Chapel – Hart's historical remarks, 1999
- 1.14 Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy, 1974-1977
- 1.15 Clergy as counselors – by J. H. Foegen, 1979
- 1.16 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship – Chaplaincy program, 1997
- 1.17 Correspondence, 1984-1992
- 1.18 Day, Doyle Kenneth – The development of a comprehensive approach to program promotion for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board – Prospectus, 1974
- 1.19 Employee Assistance Program – Ed Pierce

- 1.20 Endorsement manual for chaplains and counselors in ministry – Southern Baptist Convention, 2001

#### Box 2

- 2.1 Fire Department Chaplaincy
- 2.2 Fitzgerald, Lawrence P. – History of the Southern Baptist Chaplaincy (unpublished manuscript)
- 2.3 Folio – Southern Baptist Women in Ministry newsletter, 1984
- 2.4 Glossary of terms used by religious endorsing bodies and professional pastoral care and counseling organizations, n.d.
- 2.5 Hand, G. Othell – Report, 1980
- 2.6 Home Mission Board, SBC – Articles of incorporation, bylaws, and policies, 1985, 1989
- 2.7 Home Mission Board – Chaplaincy Division, 1971-1975
- 2.8 Home Mission Board – Chaplaincy program, 1984-1985
- 2.9 “Industrial Chaplain” – R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., 1969
- 2.10 Industrial Chaplaincy, 1978
- 2.11 Industrial Chaplaincy – Manuscript
- 2.12 Industrial Chaplaincy, Studies in – Christian Reformed Church
- 2.13 Law for the clergy – booklet, 1976
- 2.14 Metro Atlanta Chaplains Association, 1989-1992
- 2.15 MFH Volunteer Chaplains Training Program, 1987
- 2.16 Military chaplaincy
- 2.17 Motor Convoy chaplaincy program, 1988
- 2.18 National Chaplains Association for Youth Rehabilitation, 1975-1979
- 2.19 National Families in Action, 1992
- 2.20 “Navy Chaplain: God’s messenger on the sea” by William T. West (Chapter 1 only), 1980

#### Box 3

- 3.1 Notes for talks and addresses on chaplaincy
- 3.2 Organizations with chaplains, 1998
- 3.3 Perry, Huey – The challenge of tomorrow: the state of Southern Baptist chaplaincy, 1993
- 3.4 Photographs, 1943-1978
- 3.5 Pocket prayer book, 1941
- 3.6 Police chaplaincy, 1972-1975
- 3.7 Police chaplaincy, 1976-1988
- 3.8 Prison chaplaincy, 1968-1974
- 3.9 R. J. Reynolds Tobacco USA Inc. – Manager’s guide for helping troubled employee, 1987
- 3.10 Race Track Chaplaincy, 1984
- 3.11 Resume of significant events in the history of the Home Mission Board of the SBC, 1845-1961
- 3.12 Seamen’s Ministry Manual – compiled by Joel Land, 1992
- 3.13 Ski Ministries – Home Mission Board, 1992
- 3.14 Soldiers’ Book of Worship. Office of Chief of Chaplains
- 3.15 Southwire Company, Carrollton, Georgia – Department of Chaplaincy Services Manual by Carl Hart
- 3.16 Truck Stop Ministry, 1982-1993